

FGDC Annual Report to OMB

Format for Agency Reports – FY 2003

The following outline should be used by FGDC Member Agencies (or Bureaus) for their Annual Spatial Data Reports, which will be consolidated by the FGDC and submitted to OMB. Reports **should be brief, using bullets where possible**. Please provide only the information that will be useful for OMB to assess the agencies' achievements and for establishing future direction.

Part A

GENERAL FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES REPORT (All Agencies)

1. Agency or Bureau: Department of State, Office of the Geographer and Global Issues, Geographic Information Unit (DOS/INR/GGI/GIU)
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4. Coordination Group Participant(s): Email: Phone #:
5. Subcommittee or Working Group Participation (Subcommittees or Working Groups your agency is involved with, but does not lead).
6. Strategy: Has your agency prepared a detailed strategy for integrating geographic information and spatial data activities into your business process - in coordination with the FGDC strategy, pursuant to OMB Circular A-16? Yes. The Working in tandem with the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA), this office assures that the depictions of international boundaries (currently available as shapefiles in NIMA's Digital International Boundaries Database) conform with uniform data extraction standards. The textual descriptions of boundary segments are being compiled as text files which provide history background, physical description, treaty references, line type, legal and political status descriptions, and compilation source descriptions.
7. Compliance: How are your spatial data holdings compliant with FGDC Standards? Also, please list the FGDC Standards you are using or plan to use in your organization. FGDC standards specifically for international boundaries have yet to be promulgated, but our data collection activities to date conform to the general standards prescribed by the Geographic Information Framework Data Content Standard (Part NNN) Governmental Unit Boundary Data Exchange Standard.
8. Redundancy: Prior to collecting data, how does your agency ensure that the data are not already available? No uniform, authoritative international boundary data in the form of digital lines with attributed descriptions currently exists.
9. Collection: Do your agency contracts and grants involving data collection include costs for NSDI standards? Not at present.

10. Clearinghouse: Is all the data and/or metadata that your agency is able to share with the public published on the NSDI Clearinghouse? If not, please cite barriers encountered. Not at present. The standards are still under development and the collected data incomplete for public release.
11. E-Gov: How are you using geospatial data in your mission activities to provide better services? (Please list) Uniform data format and descriptive data.
12. Geospatial One-Stop: How is your agency involved in the Geospatial One-Stop? We are not participating as yet.
13. Enterprise Architecture: Is geospatial data a component of your enterprise architecture? Please provide a brief summary of how geospatial data fits into your enterprise architecture. We do not have enterprise architecture at present.
14. Partnerships: What efforts are being taken to coordinate data and build partnerships at the field level for data collection and standards development? Identify partnerships and data sharing activities with other federal agencies, state, local, and tribal governments and other entities. See Item 6.
15. Concerns or Lessons Learned: Are there areas or issues regarding spatial data that require attention, or lessons learned that you would like to share with others? Please describe. It is difficult to make one set of data conform to all user needs.